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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application by South Carolina Generating Company, Inc. for Authority to Refinance Debt and Enter into Note Agreement

Docket No. 2019-150-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Generating Company, Inc. ("GENCO" or "Company") is seeking to refinance a portion of existing debt and to return a \$20 million equity advance from SCANA Corporation ("SCANA") via an inter-company loan with Dominion Energy, Inc. ("DEI"). The terms of this Note include a maximum principal amount of not more than \$230 million and a fixed market interest rate not expected to exceed 4.5 percent. Planned issuance date is June 1, 2019 with a maturity of not later than June 1, 2024.

In addition to refinancing existing short-term debts maturing on June 1 of this year, the approval of this Application would benefit ratepayers by realigning GENCO with a more favorable capital structure, which consisted of 29.71 percent debt and 70.29 percent equity as of December 31, 2018. Refinancing the Company's existing debt at reasonable interest rate and reducing the equity ratio by returning the equity advance will increase the debt ratio, thereby lowering the cost of capital.

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By this letter, the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina that ORS has no objection to this Application and recommends approval of the filing submitted by the Company.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-mail)